

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

December 1, 2025

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams, Vice Chair
Gary DeRemer, Jerry James, Rachel Loza

Mrs. Penta called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the September 15, 2025 Public Improvements Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-112

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-112

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, for the stabilization of approximately 190 linear feet of stream bank along Akron-Peninsula Road North of Ira Road, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-112 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the stabilization of approximately 190 linear feet of stream bank along Akron Peninsula Road North of Ira Road. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from the Storm Drainage Utility Fund, Line Item Capital.

Mr. Demasi stated that, over the last several years, they have had to make a number of repairs to the slope of the Cuyahoga River stream bank as it approaches Akron-Peninsula Road. One area they have been looking at is an area just north of Ira Road. Last year, they hired EnviroScience to look at the area, survey it, understand what is happening there with respect to the instability of the slope and design a stabilization program for that slide. Bids were open on October 5th and the lowest and best bid will be from RiverReach Construction. RiverReach Construction was the company that removed the two dams in 2013. It looks like they want to start maybe in February of next year. It should only take about four weeks or so to finish the project.

Mrs. Penta stated that this was budgeted at \$200,000. She asked if this preventive maintenance is going to last a certain number of promised years. Mr. Demasi stated that all of the work that has been done in his career has not had to be redone.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked if there are other nearby areas that need attention any time soon. Mr. Demasi stated that they are continuously looking at these areas. Some of them that have moved have stabilized and come to a new equilibrium and have not moved and others are still active.

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They looking along Riverview Road but, in particular, Akron-Peninsula Road seems to be the worst at this time.

Mr. Stams moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-112 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. James. Motion passed (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.